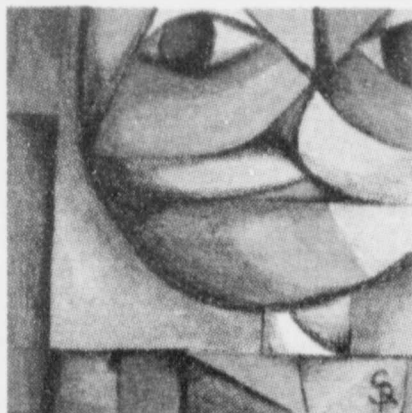


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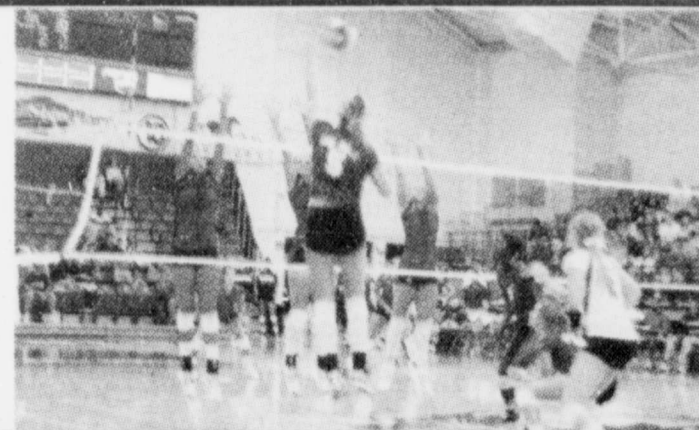


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Professors prefer face time to Facebook

Katie Koschalk

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Besides a few pictures from a Thailand trip and basic personal information, Daniel Waldorf, a Cal Poly professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering, does not provide much insight into his personal life through his Facebook profile.

Despite increased possibilities for a new kind of interaction between students and professors, most people still agree that maintaining the old-school mentality of separation between professional and personal relationships is important.

Waldorf created a Facebook profile about a year ago as a way to stay connected with professional contacts, accumulating 30 friends, eight of whom are Cal Poly students.

"I don't feel that I've used Facebook to let students into my personal life," Waldorf said. "My use of it and my interactions with students on it have been on a professional level."

The line separating personal and professional relationships was not initially an issue since Facebook was only available to college students when it was first launched.

In 2006, however, Facebook became accessible to anyone with a valid e-mail address, creating a potential for the development of student-professor relationships outside tradi-

tional educational settings.

"It is probably good if it lets students feel more comfortable about approaching a professor with questions, but most professors do not want students excessively involved in their personal life," Waldorf said. "I try to be personable and approachable as a professor, but I guess I am still pretty wary about inviting students into my life by posting a lot of personal information on Facebook."

While Waldorf accepts students' friend requests and limits the amount of personal information he shares, Jennifer Becker, a Cal Poly sociology professor, maintains a 'no students policy' on Facebook.

"Personally, I prefer to maintain boundaries between my personal life and my professional life," Becker said. "I don't feel that the information, including personal stories, pictures, daily activities, group affiliations, political, spiritual, social views shared through Facebook is necessarily information that my students (or others with whom I have a primarily professional relationship for that matter) should be readily privy to."

Becoming friends with pro-

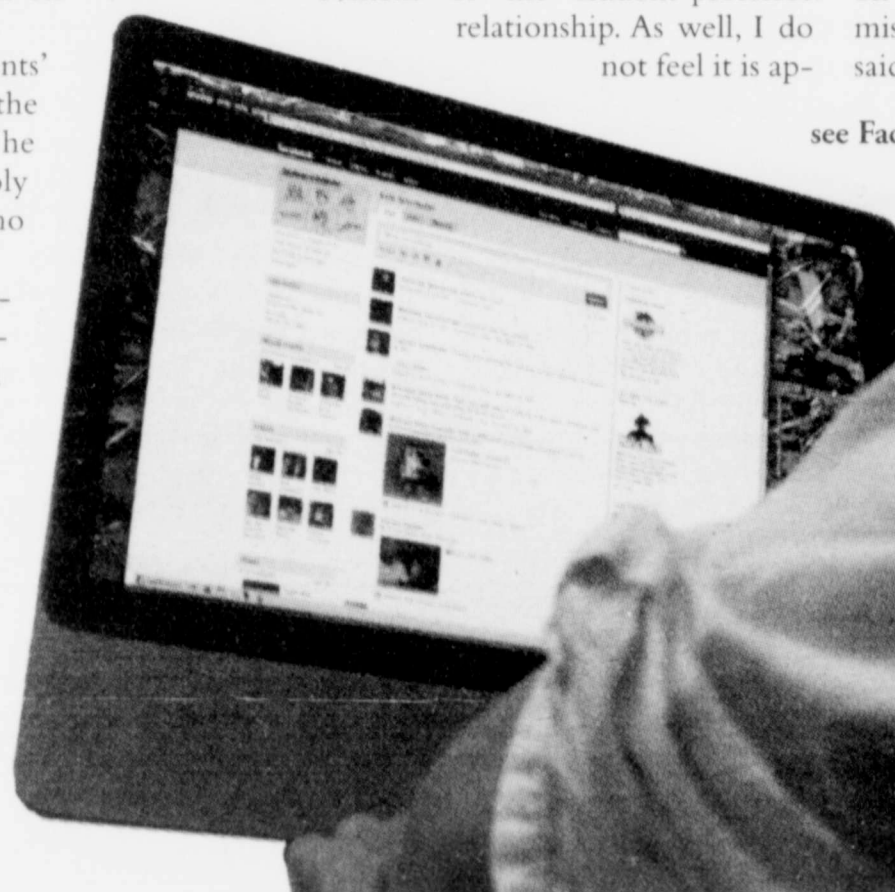
fessors on Facebook can provide students with a lot of private information about professors that they would not know through day-to-day student-professor communications within the classroom, which Becker believes crosses a line.

"I feel that the exchanges on social networking sites like Facebook are rather intimate and personal, and extend beyond the context of the student-professor relationship. As well, I do not feel it is ap-

propriate for me to have access to my students' personal information, photos and exchanges," Becker said.

Allowing professors to view personal information about students could also create issues with maintaining fairness or equity within the classroom and could provide opportunities for the information shared on Facebook to be misused, Becker said.

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Wounded soldiers looking for fair treatment

Kevin Maurer

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FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Soldiers recovering in special Army medical units have faced inconsistent discipline because the military hasn't adopted standards for how they and their commanders should act, according to a military review.

The report obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press said the units' leaders need better training and should do a better job of communicating with the almost 9,000 wounded and ill soldiers in the Warrior Transition system.

The general who ordered the report said Wednesday that the review will only improve the units.

"The Army has a tremendous program for taking care of our wounded, ill and injured soldiers, but it is not a perfect program," said Brig. Gen. Gary Cheek, commander of the Warrior Transition Command. "We have to do our best for each and every one of them."

The review was ordered in March after The AP reported on

soldier complaints that officers were indifferent to their medical needs and punished them for the very injuries that landed them in the unit.

"The lack of policy specifically stipulating Army expectations of

Warriors in Transition contributes to misperceptions among soldiers and leaders and leads to inconsistent application of Army regulations and discipline," reads an executive summary of the report by the Army Surgeon General, which

reviewed all discipline taken against soldiers in Warrior Transition units.

The 34 Warrior Transition units were set up two years ago to help soldiers navigate the medical system and monitor their progress and treatment following the scandal over shoddy conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Army officials said Wednesday they've clarified expectations since the review was completed in May, but stressed that a new standard was not created.

"This policy is basically a re-communication of things that apply to all soldiers with the added uniqueness of the WTU's situation," said Robert Moore, spokesman for the Warrior Transition Command.

The May report by the Army Surgeon General said that overall it appeared injuries weren't being overlooked in disciplinary matters at the units.

Soldiers in the Fort Bragg unit

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The Army's discipline policy for wounded soldiers will become more consistent after complaints that officers were indifferent to medical conditions.

Starkey case moves forward

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

A San Luis Obispo County judge ruled on Tuesday that there was enough evidence to proceed with the trial of Zacary Ellis and Haithem Ibrahim. The two former Cal Poly students are standing trial for the fatal hazing of Carson Starkey. The ruling came after the testimony of other members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who attended the social event where Starkey died.

The trial of both men will begin Sept. 17. They have both been charged with one felony violation of hazing resulting in death and one misdemeanor violation of providing alcohol to a minor.

Starkey died Dec. 2 after he was given large amounts of alcohol at a Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledge event known as "Brown Bag Night." Ellis and two other Sigma Alpha Epsilon members allegedly

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"For instance, when my student's paper is late, should I be able to go on Facebook and read that she was down in Santa Barbara at the beach all weekend?" Becker said. "While I assume that most student-professor interactions on Facebook are rather benign, the potential is there for boundaries to be crossed in ways that are problematic."

Like Becker, Katy Neidhardt, a psychology and child development professor, has no student Facebook friends because she wants to restrict her involvement in her students' personal lives.

"I believe there should still be limits to the relationship. I don't want to be thought of as their buddy. I want to be thought of as their professor who they feel comfortable talking to, but not about the killer party they went to over the weekend," she said.

Viewing students' profiles could let professors in on personal information, which Waldorf agreed could lead to student bias.

"My opinion of a student has been affected by their Facebook content. Just as it would be if I learned any number of things about someone through other means. Of course, I try hard not to let that affect the fair treatment and professional relationship with a student," he said.

While equity issues within the classroom might be a concern for

some professors, Waldorf also acknowledges the benefits of communicating with students through Facebook.

The only significant interactions Waldorf has had with students were with groups that he accompanied on study-abroad trips, one with a student club (Engineers Without Borders) and one with a group he accompanied for a quarter in Thailand. He found that Facebook was a good medium to keep students updated about trip information.

"Pictures and videos of the trip were the most common information exchanged over Facebook. I was also able to keep up-to-date on student questions, concerns, etc., regarding the trips," Waldorf said.

Just as professors vary on their willingness to become friends with students on Facebook, students also have mixed opinions.

Psychology junior Shauna Shea isn't friends with any professors on Facebook and doesn't intend to be.

"I think becoming friends with professors on Facebook is really awkward. I don't want them being able to see into my personal life, and frankly, I am not really interested in what my professors do in their free time," she said.

Fourth year recreation, parks and tourism administration major Cayse Hunstad is also not friends with any professors on Facebook because she wants to keep her school life separate from her personal life.

"I wouldn't want to be friends with professors on Facebook.

There should definitely be a line between professional life and your social life," she said.

Nutrition senior Anna Robinson, however, is friends with one professor on Facebook who friend-requested her.

"It was my speech class professor. The whole environment of that class was different though because everyone is getting to know each other through the speeches," Robinson said. "I checked to make sure that he had friend requested other students in my class and he had, so I accepted it. I thought it was weird. Everyone was writing on his wall and stuff."

Although Shea and Hunstad are not friends with any professors on Facebook, they admit that there are some professors that they would be more inclined to become Facebook friends with than others, she said.

"I think the younger the professor is, the more you can relate to them and the less awkward it would be if you were to become friends on Facebook. The older the professor, you just would have to wonder, 'Why are they friend-ing me?' whereas with a younger teacher it would seem less weird," Shea said.

Hunstad feels that professors who are more friendly in class would not be as weird to be friends with on Facebook.

"It would depend a lot on the way they are in class. Some teachers you're just more comfortable around. It's the ones that are not really that friendly in class that would be more weird," Hunstad said.

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told the Secretary of the Army earlier this year that they feel forgotten by the military and that combat duty would be better than the treatment they get now, according to a memo obtained by the Associated Press.

The Surgeon General's report suggested ways to improve communication between commanders and soldiers.

"Commanders at all levels must establish routine interaction and personal meetings with either individual soldiers, or small groups of soldiers to establish confidence that the chain of command is accessible, responsive and compassionate," the report concluded.

Most of the units are spread out in different buildings. The Army is spending close to a billion dollars to build wounded warrior complexes at 20 posts, including Fort Bragg, to help centralize things and improve communication, Cheek said.

"It reinforced for me how critical it is that we build those complexes if we really want to do this mission correctly," the general said.

The review also recommended an additional training program

for company commanders and First Sergeants to better prepare them for command. Cheek said company commanders are now required to meet with their troops, one-on-one, to build a relationship.

"The chain of command has got to be accessible, responsive, and compassionate," Cheek said.

Some improvements are already underway. Lt. Col. Terry McDowell, who took command in April of Fort Bragg's Warrior Transition Battalion, said incoming soldiers now have a timeline and a set of goals. It keeps the wounded soldiers motivated and allows doctors to set a target date to move them out of the unit.

Squad leaders, case managers and staff also now complete a two-week course that teaches them how to deal with medical issues like traumatic brain injuries and post traumatic stress disorder. It also explains the mission of the warrior transition unit and how it operates.

"When dealing with WT issues, you need to have multiple leadership tools in your bag to know when to put your arm around the soldier and prop them up or when to tell them to drive on with their mission," said McDowell, 42, from Bonaire, Ga. said in a June interview.

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bought the alcohol. Ibrahim was Starkey's "Big Brother" and reportedly selected the alcohol that he was required to drink for the event.

Ellis allegedly told Starkey and 16 other underage pledges to finish the provided alcohol. The pledges were reportedly drinking in a circle surrounding a trashcan. They were also given shots of 151-proof Ever-

clear.

Police said that when Starkey was found unresponsive later in the night, a few members of the fraternity started to drive him to the hospital but turned around after he threw up in the car.

Starkey died the next morning of alcohol poisoning. His blood-alcohol content was between .39 and .45 percent.

Tim Miller and Kate McIntyre contributed to this report.

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Iraqi forces recover stolen Picasso

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Special forces have recovered a stolen Picasso and arrested a man planning to sell the painting during a raid of his house in southern Iraq, Iraqi police said Wednesday.

The painting, "The Naked Wom-

an," apparently had been among the artwork looted from Kuwait during Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion, said police spokesman Maj. Muthana Khalid.

It was seized Tuesday during a raid on the house belonging to the suspect near the mainly Shiite city of Hillah, about 60 miles (95 kilometers) south of Baghdad.

Khalid said the man was trying to sell the painting for \$450,000, but some Iraqi experts who saw the painting said it was worth \$10 million.

The painting, which was signed by Pablo Picasso and bore inscriptions from "The Museum of Kuwait" was being held as evidence while the suspected was interrogated, Khalid said. It appeared to have been folded several times in a picture of the painting that was released.

Goods and artwork from the neighboring country's wealthy homes and its national museum were hauled back to Iraq after the invasion, which led to the 1991 Gulf War.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A jury has been selected for the trial of a Los Angeles filmmaking couple accused of bribing Thai officials to run the Bangkok International Film Festival.

Opening statements are expected to begin Wednesday afternoon.

Gerald and Patricia Green have pleaded not guilty to charges that accuse them of paying \$1.8 million in bribes to Thai officials so they would be awarded lucrative business contracts. In return, prosecutors say the couple earned about \$14 million.

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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The nation's second-largest city cut water use by an overall 17 percent in July compared to a year earlier, officials said Wednesday.

Southern California is facing a water shortage and the city of Los Angeles has made broad appeals for conservation, imposed restrictions on landscape irrigation, raised rates and fielded inspectors to look for violators and issue fines.

The Department of Water and Power said single-family homes cut water use nearly 21 percent, multifamily properties cut use more than 8 percent, businesses cut usage nearly 22 percent and government properties reduced usage more than 34 percent.

National

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Two alternative energy companies planning to buy a closed Ford Motor Co. factory near Detroit want to convert it into the country's largest renewable energy park, with at least 2,800 workers building storage batteries, solar panels and possibly wind turbines.

The proposed \$725 million project outlined to state lawmakers Wednesday would be a coup for a state in desperate need of jobs. Michigan, with the highest unemployment rate in the nation, hopes to become a major player in the green economy.

Xtreme Power of Kyle, Texas, and Clairvoyant Energy of Santa Barbara, Calif., said that if state tax incentives and federal loans are approved, they will purchase and refurbish the sprawling 320-acre Wixom Assembly Plant.

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Louisiana man was convicted Wednesday of gunning down five teenagers in a grisly crime that prompted the governor to bring National Guard troops back to New Orleans to help curb violence in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Michael Anderson, 23, was found guilty of five counts of first-degree murder. The jury that convicted him will now decide whether he should face the death penalty.

International

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North and South Korean officials held their first talks Wednesday in nearly two years on arranging reunions of families separated by the Korean War more than five decades ago, the latest sign of easing tensions on the divided peninsula.

The three days of talks, being held at North Korea's Diamond Mountain resort, come as the communist regime adopts a more conciliatory stance toward South Korea and the United States after months of provocations including a nuclear test in May and a barrage of ballistic missile test-launches.

The two delegations, led by Red Cross officials, expressed hope their meeting would help improve inter-Korean relations. Although still at odds over the timing of the family reunions they are expected to announce an agreement on Friday.

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BEIJING (AP) — China has launched a national organ donation system to try to reduce its dependence on body parts harvested from executed prisoners, who make up the majority of donors, state media reported Wednesday.

Organ transplantation in China has long been criticized as profit-driven and unethical, with critics arguing death row inmates may feel pressured to become donors, violating personal, religious or cultural beliefs.



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Supporters of Honduras' ousted President Manuel Zelaya protest in front of the U.S. embassy in Tegucigalpa Wednesday. The US decision to suspend the issuance of all non-emergency and nonimmigrant visa services at the U.S. Embassy became effective Wednesday.



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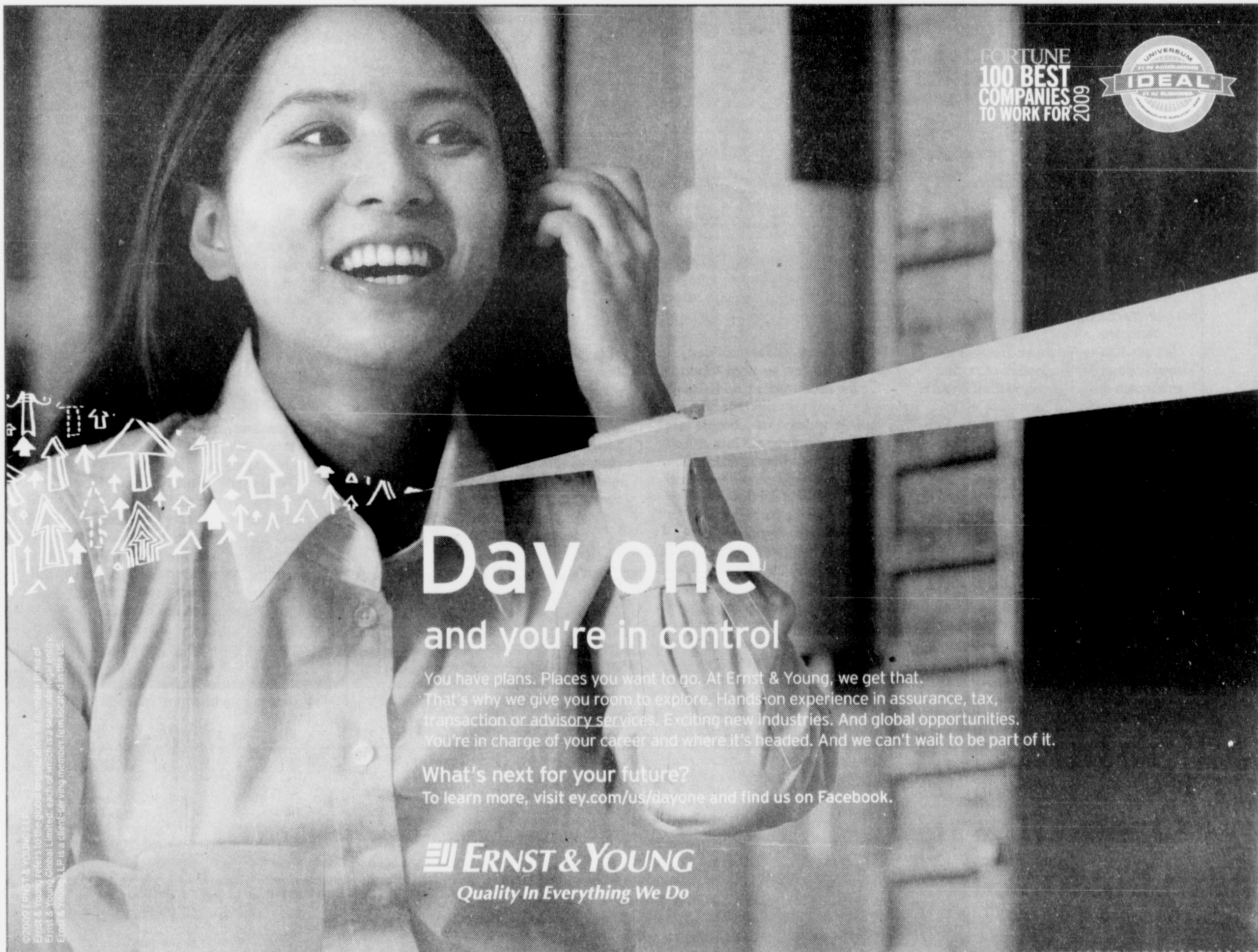
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Low participation is projected for one of the county's largest arts events — just one sign that the local art community is hurting in the economic downturn.

According to Alissa Maddren, the program director for ARTS Obispo — known formally as the San Luis Obispo Arts Council — involvement for their largest exhibition, Open Studio, is down 20 percent.

"For us, that's a sign that it's tougher than usual," Maddren said.

Open Studio showcased 280 local artists last October, but this year, only 224 have signed up to join the exhibition.

And ARTS Obispo isn't alone. The impact on the local art community is two-fold: People have stopped buying art and local funds are being cut.

On the municipal level, art funding has dropped. In 1990, the city adopted a public art policy that requires every business to give 1 percent of its development toward funding public art in San Luis Obispo. At the start of the economic decline in January 2008, the city cut that to .5 percent.

Because of the decrease, ARTS Obispo had to get rid of a staff member and end its grant program.

She said that the drop in funds impacts the local artists ARTS Obispo

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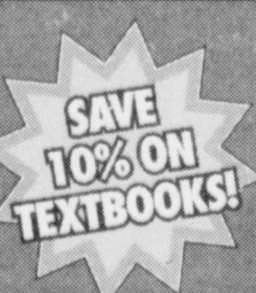
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"Would you friend your professors on Facebook?"

"Definitely. It helps to know them on a personal level. If they asked me to have a beer with them I would say yes."

-Ryan Hansen, graphic communications senior



"Yes, I am friends with my professors. The more you see about each other's lives, the more open the relationship."

-Julianne Grinstead, journalism senior

"I would friend any professor because it is an extra form of contact. (It would be OK) as long as it wasn't the only form of communication."

-Jeff Bauer, graphic communications senior



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represents.

"It really trickles down because we can't provide much infrastructure," Maddren said.

She said if funding and sales don't improve, many local art organizations will cease to exist.

"It needs to turn around soon because we're on a shoestring and we can only survive so long," she said.

Elsewhere in the county, Morro Bay Art Association is just one example of a gallery forced to close its doors one extra day a week starting in October, said Cathy Olson, the gallery director.

"We felt a big decline in visitors spending money," Olson said. "I do feel that in general that's turning around. We're starting to see more sales."

The Morro Bay gallery re-opened to five days a week starting July 1, and Olson said they've already seen the number of visitors return to pre-closure levels.

The strong art culture on the Central Coast helps keep Morro Bay's art culture alive, Olson said.

On three big holiday weekends throughout the year, the association holds an Art in the Park event that draws thousands from around the state and keeps its finances out of the red.

Although economic woes may be lessening at some galleries, individual artists are slower to get back on track.

Olson herself is a watercolor painter who went on an artistic hiatus in March.

"I'm not buying another canvas," she said. "If nothing is selling, why

keep producing?"

When her term as gallery director is over in the fall, Olson said she might consider painting again.

Instead of taking a break from art, Sarah Afana, a Paso Robles painter and jeweler took her work to a world-wide audience through the Web.

"I'm really embracing the online thing," Afana said. "I'm trying to put my work out there so as many people see it as possible."

Last August, Afana started a Web site portfolio that features her latest work. Around the same time, she started blogging about her experiences and creative process.

But her real success in the online world came with the use of Etsy -- an online network and e-commerce option for independence artists.

"I get about 100 hits a day, which I'm really happy with," Afana said.

The largest source of traffic to her Etsy store comes directly from Twitter, which Afana joined in March.

When Afana isn't tweeting and painting, she works a day job at Frame Works, a frame shop in Paso Robles, where she's also seen the impact of the economy on art.

"Frame shops are not going well," she said. "They're closing all through the state."

In a less tech-driven effort to compensate for a slow economy, full-time painter Patti Robbins, has been more economical about how she approaches her work.

"I'm not going to lower my prices," Robbins said. "No artist should do that, but I am offering smaller canvases."

The decision to ditch her 40-by-

40 inch canvas is a precaution heading into October's Open Studio exhibition.

"I am assuming people will be careful with their money," Robbins said.

She's also being more resourceful

with her painting materials and using older canvases from her storage instead of buying new ones. Although her sales are slow this year, she said it could be worse.

"Last year I thought would be my worst year and it was financially suc-

cessful," Robbins said. "A year later it all may change."

But she hasn't let it get her down.

"When you're an artist, you're compelled, no matter the circumstances," Robbins said. "I don't paint to sell. I paint because I love it."

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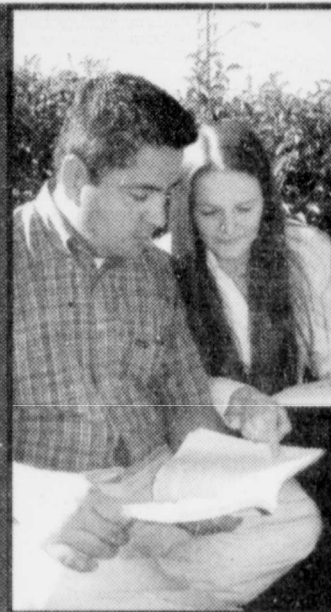
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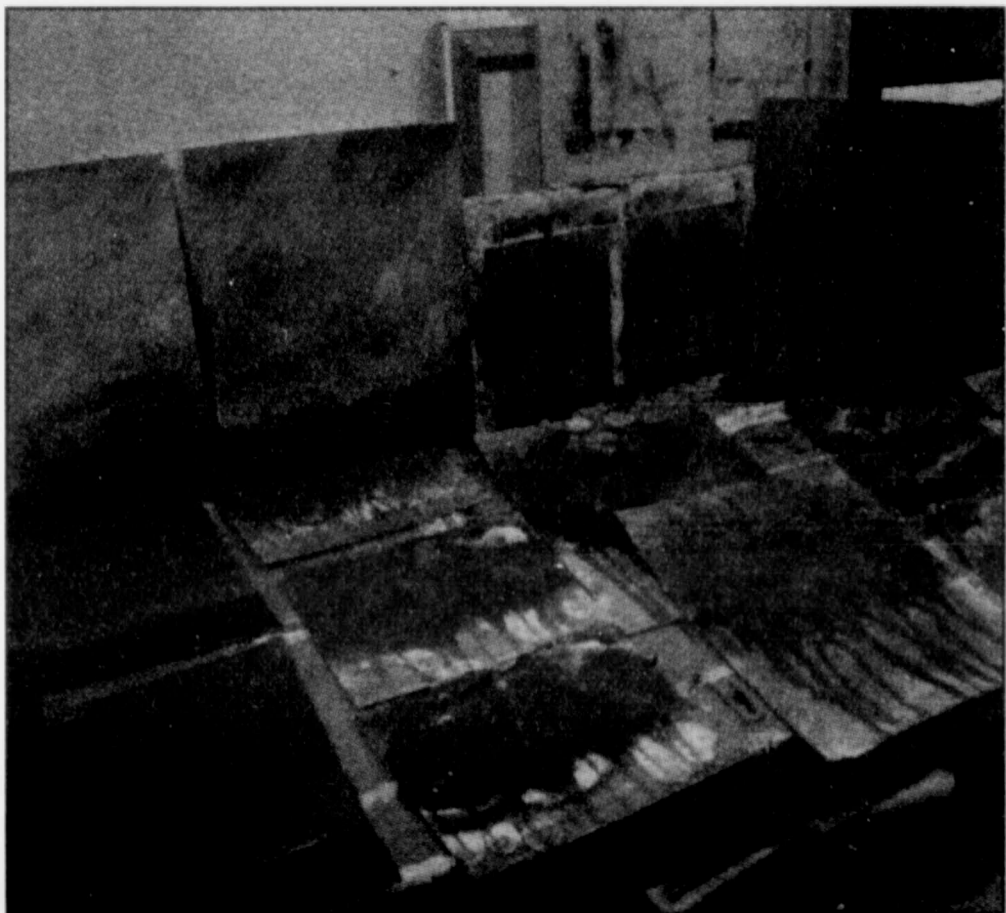
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"Ugly ducklings" unhappy with their appearance should consider options

Are the ugly ducklings forever destined to remain alone?

A 2004 study by Exeter University developmental psychologist Alan Slater revealed that contrary to the popular adage "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," objective standards do exist.

Slater found that newborn infants spent more time looking at photographs of people with attractive faces than of people with average faces.

"Babies are born with a detailed representation of the face that allows them to detect and recognize faces," Dr. Slater said in *New Scientist*. "So attractiveness is not simply in the eye of the beholder, it's in the brain of the newborn infant right from the moment of birth, and possibly prior to birth."

Three researchers from Northwestern University and Smith College, wrote in "The Political Gender Gap: Gender Bias in Facial Inferences that Predict Voting Behavior" that our preferences might be ingrained because of our evolutionary history and expectations imposed by society.

They found that we naturally associate certain facial features with attractiveness, dominance and affiliation or approachability. For example, "facial attractiveness in females has been associated with higher estrogen levels," meaning a woman with a beautiful face is more likely to produce offspring.

We also find some facial features more attractive due to expecta-

tions imposed by society, according to their research. For instance, they write that females are considered more attractive when their faces have "baby-faced" features like small chins or thin eyebrows because society has labeled women as less physically strong and assertive than men, whose faces are more attractive when they have thick eyebrows, square faces and large chins.

So should people without the so-called desired facial features deal with it? Do you play the hand you're

not go on another date after seeing someone even though they had connected in the dark.

While I'm not planning on getting cosmetic surgery, I can't speak for a duckling ditched one too many times. If someone believes altering physical appearance will improve his or her quality of life, I say go for it.

A study by an University of Buffalo professor had 133 college students turn in essays about a comment someone made that stuck with them. The essays about negative comments were mostly related to physical appearance. The authors expected to be rejected based on their appearance. Many were interested in cosmetic surgery.

Over 10.2 million cosmetic procedures were performed in the United States in 2008, according to the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.

Botox was the most popular overall with 2,464,123 procedures.

2.2 million, or 22 percent, of the cosmetic procedures performed in

2008 were for patients between the ages of 19 and 34.

Maybe cosmetic surgery is drastic and maybe you should work with what you've got. But I'm not going to blame someone for throwing their cards down on the table and demanding a better hand.

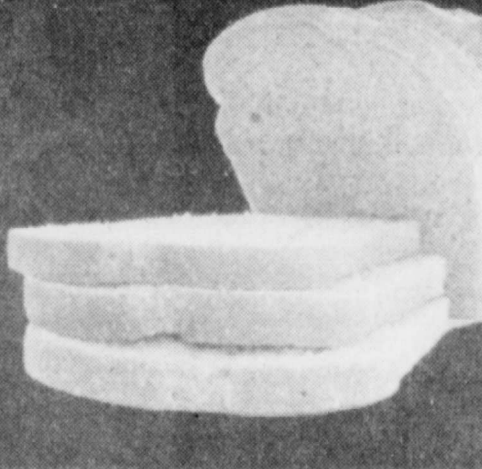
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"I'm not entirely convinced that Cal Poly has changed that much since Stephen Hinkle faced a 7 hour long judicial hearing for posting a flyer in the multicultural center in the UU. Just two years ago, Smile and Nod had their shows canceled for the greater part of a quarter because they had a picture of a guy laughing that might have been mistook for an antebellum minstrel show. The lies that the university spread around the 'crops house' incident show that the university isn't above lying and breaking the law to preserve its image. Combined, these two factors have a chilling effect on all others who might want to speak on truly controversial issues. Which is the reason I am posting this anonymously."

—Anonymous

Response to "BLOG: Magazine evaluates Cal Poly's diversity"

"I was completely unaware of the referendum attempt in 2004. The fact that it got voted down should have shown the University Union Advisory Board that the students really didn't want a new UU plaza. Alas, it didn't. Perhaps we should enact some reforms to prevent committees within the ASI from so blatantly ignoring the students' wishes as to how they want their fees spent. Since student elections are now handled completely electronically, thus adding initiatives to the annual ASI President and Board of Directors, it costs NOTHING to put all major ASI expenditures up to a vote. I would like to see that all ASI capital projects that cost more than \$100,000 must be approved by a majority of voters in the student elections before they are enacted."

—Andrew Musselman

Response to "Deficit delays construction"

"The point of going to school is not just to find a job. It's to become educated... (jobless graduates that demand money) are pathetic whiners who need to grow up and stop thinking they are so entitled to everything. At least she has a college degree. It is not the college's job to ensure that she gets a job. If she isn't what employers want that is not the college's fault, since a lot of it is personality as well."

—Mel

Response to "BLOG: Money back guarantee for jobless grads?"

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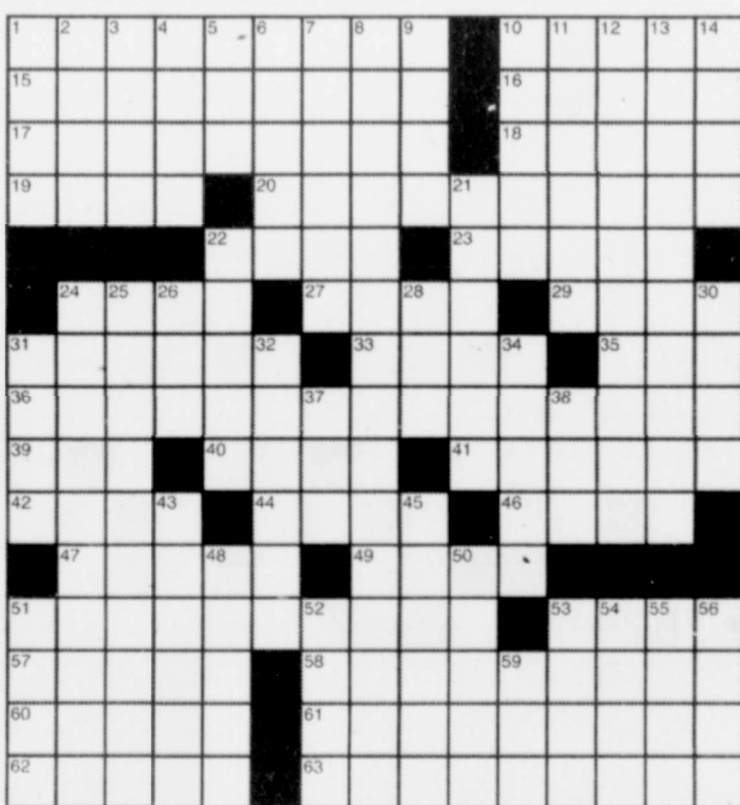
The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Reasonable treatment
 - Striking ends
 - 63-Across?
 - Moon of Uranus
 - Having a lot to lose?
 - CD player part
 - Supply for driving
 - Most night owls
 - Pietà figure, literally
 - Turned up
 - With 54-Down, approach with a line
 - Tawny
 - Factory
 - Kind of door or window
 - Draft sources
 - Have yet to settle
 - Highway caution
 - Rich or famous: Abbr.
 - Particular
 - Michael of the G.O.P.
 - Word accompanying finger-pointing
 - People of the Platte, once
 - Lump in cloth
 - "If I Had ____" (Lyle Lovett song)
 - Symbol of innocence and purity
 - Lucy and Ricky Ricardo's residence, e.g.
 - Eschewer of convention, in slang
 - One way to be taken
 - Comment from the beat
 - Big maker of communications satellites

- Down**
- It's not fancy
 - Tropical flower
 - Hungarian writer Madách
 - 62-Across offerings
 - Big D campus
 - Berry with juicy parts?
 - Chilling, so to speak
 - Honorary title bestowed on Bill Clinton, Muhammad Ali and Mae West
 - "Manhattan Mary V" artist
 - Woman on a 2008 ticket
 - Takes back one's words?
 - He said "A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both"
 - Bum
 - Pentax Spotmatic and Nikon F2, for short
 - Sketches (out)
 - Some Cherokees
 - Site of Robert E. Lee's last victory
 - Means of getting some answers

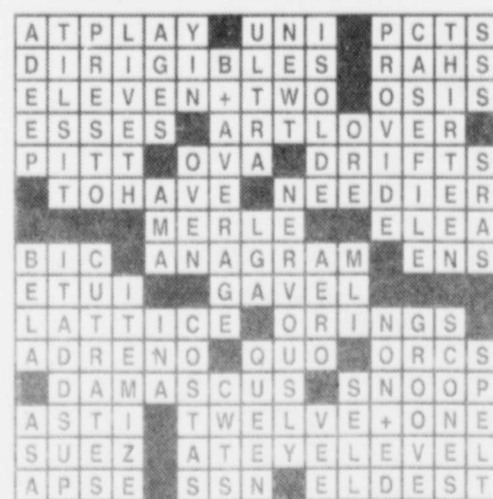


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- Shooting star, briefly?
- Opposite of FF
- Rose with a hit record
- 180 is its max. score
- Does a nursery job
- Put aside
- Emeritus: Abbr.
- Modern, to Beethoven
- Crash site sight
- "Hoffman" co-star Cusack
- ____-high
- Amaryllis family members
- Completely smooth
- Outfielder Francona
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Volleyball

Mustangs open season at Asics Classic Friday

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The reloaded Cal Poly volleyball team is set to unveil their new look



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO
The Mustangs will be without career aces leader Kylie Atherstone.

this weekend at the Colorado State-hosted Asics Classic beginning Friday in Fort Collins, Colo.

The Mustangs return just two starters from last year's 16-13 team. Junior middle blocker Dominique Olowolafe and senior setter Hailey Fithian, both of whom started all 29 matches, will be counted on to provide leadership to a now young Cal Poly team that features just four upperclassmen.

After last season, the Mustangs lost three cornerstones of the program in 2008 AVCA All-America honorees Kylie Atherstone and Jaclyn Houston and All-Big West selection Ali Waller. Head coach Jon Stevenson regrouped to claim the ninth-best recruiting class in the nation according to Prepvolleyball.com. All six incoming freshman were counted among the Web site's 150 Senior Aces for the class of 2009.

The Mustangs will also be joined by setter Sarah Cawrse, a sophomore transfer from Oregon.

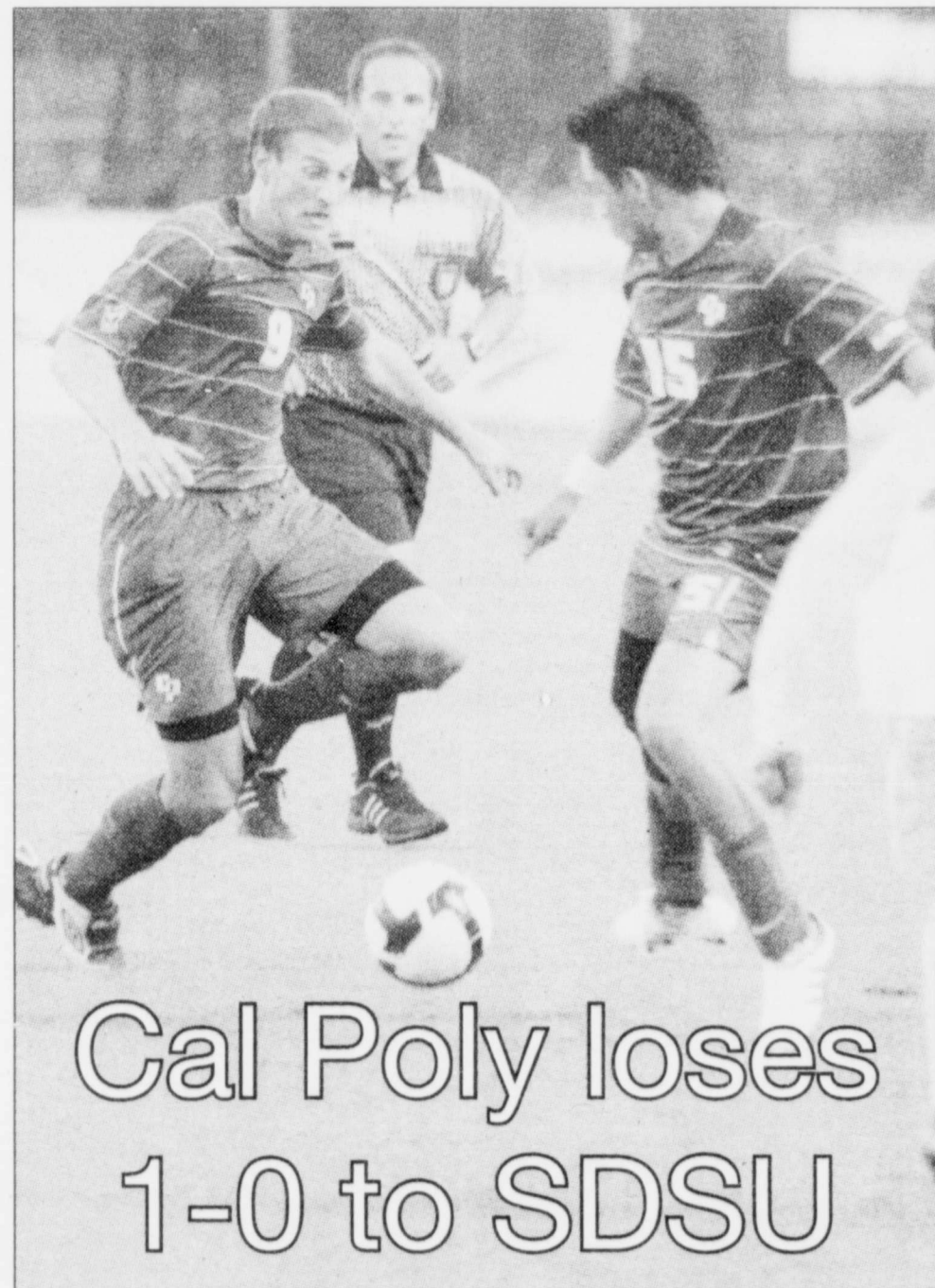
Cal Poly was picked to finish third in the Big West Conference

this year, receiving two first place votes among the coaches. Long Beach State finished just two points ahead of UC Irvine for the poll's top spot.

After beginning last season ranked 10th in the national polls, Cal Poly will begin this year unranked. The Mustangs received 18 points in this year's preseason poll, leaving them 84 points behind 25th ranked Santa Clara. Defending national champion Penn State, which dropped just two sets en route to the title, finished first in the polls.

Cal Poly will have ample chance to climb the polls as they continue a trend under Stevenson of challenging themselves in the preconference scheduling. The Mustangs will contest five of their 13 non-conference matches against teams ranked in the AVCA Division I Top 25 to begin the season.

The Mustangs will not play a home match until Sept. 18, when they kick off the Mission Inn of Pismo Beach Invitational against Seattle.



Cal Poly loses 1-0 to SDSU

NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

The No. 23 Mustangs failed to convert 11 shots against San Diego State in their first exhibition match Wednesday night. Cal Poly committed 10 fouls compared to the Aztec's 12; one player from each team was sent off in the 80th minute.

Punters change channel on Jones' \$40 million TV

Jim Litke
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones had 75,000 paying guests and a few dozen freeloaders over to his new house the other night to watch football. Punters for the visiting Tennessee Titans immediately showed their gratitude by using his \$40 million TV set for target practice.

"I hit it probably a dozen times in pregame," veteran kicker Craig Hentrich said.

"I guess," he added a moment later, "they should have tested things out before they put that thing in place."

"That thing" is the 1.2-million-pound, four-sided video board hanging from the rafters exactly 90 feet above the field in the new Cowboys Stadium, the centerpiece of Jones' \$1.15-billion shrine to himself.

The big screens along either sideline are 160 feet wide — stretching from one 20-yard line to the other — and 72 feet tall. Throw in the "smaller" screens above the end zones and you'd

need almost 5,000 52-inch flat screens to cover the same surface.

So it's not like Jones can ring up the "Geek Squad" at the local Best Buy and ask them to raise it. Nor would he.

Jones said the league had approved its location, even though his own punter, Mat McBriar, sent at least one kick more than 100 feet high when the Cowboys conducted tests at the Alamodome in San Antonio two years ago. The owner decided 90 feet was plenty, reasoning that most punters angle kicks toward the sidelines rather than straight up. He insisted the Titans punters went out of their way to hit it, both before and during Dallas' preseason home opener.

"I'm very comfortable that our height on our scoreboard is OK," he said.

It's been almost 15 years since Jones' last serious run-in with his NFL brethren, so maybe he needs a reminder: The problem with building an empire is that sooner or later, you run into someone else's.

The last time, Jones was upset that Cowboys merchandise accounted for one-quarter of the league's \$3 billion annual licensing sales — divided equally among the teams — and cut his own side deals with Pepsi and Nike. One measure of how peeved his colleagues were at the time was apparent when legal papers for their \$300 million damage suit were served on Jones while he was midway through a bowl of clam chowder.

The matter was resolved without any legal bloodletting, and judging by the league's measured response — "We are reviewing the situation,"

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an e-mail Sunday — this one will be, too. But not simply by Jones waving it off.

"It is an issue," said Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher, who also serves as co-chair of the league's competition committee, which could order Jones to raise the video board. "Something has to get worked out."

Fisher was unhappy because he had to throw a challenge flag after backup Titan punter A.J. Trapasso hit the scoreboard with 8:07 left in the third quarter, and the refs missed it.

"Now, it's not necessarily their responsibility," Fisher continued. "Once a fair catch signal is given, then there are no eyes on the ball anymore. So they don't see it. ... It can become a problem."

Even though the video board will

have to be raised when U2 plays in Cowboys Stadium on Oct. 12 — the band's stage gimmickry includes something called "The Claw," which is 164 feet high — Jones insisted he won't budge when it comes to football.

"You don't need to move it. You gotta be trying to do it," he said about punters hitting the TVs. "The rule is very clear. You just kick it over."

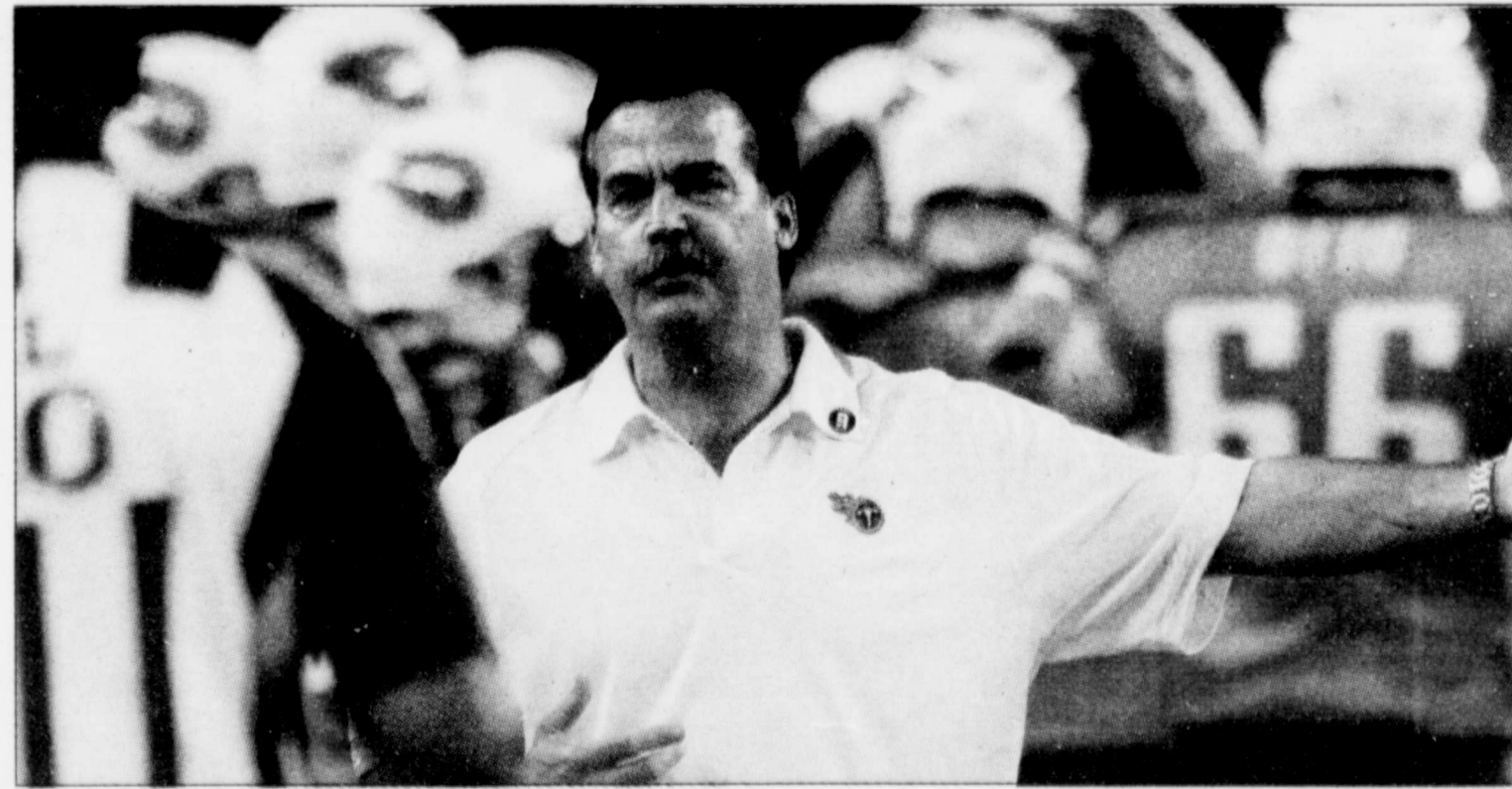
Yet the clock wasn't reset after Trapasso clanked a punt off the underside in the game; unless the NFL changes the rule, and fast, a team could run plenty of time off the clock simply by banging the ball off the video board as often it likes.

"It does not matter where you kick it from, it is just right there in the middle of the field," Trapasso said. "It's always something that you're going to be thinking about."

Jones is deservedly proud of his new emporium, which opened to rave reviews. Some fans will find \$60 pizzas hard to swallow. And those sitting in the last row might not be thrilled that after shelling out \$20,000 or more for seat licenses — plus \$170 for each game — that the people looking on just over their shoulders paid \$30 for standing-room tickets. But in terms of griping, that was about it.

Jones called his opening night for football "an event we will remember for a long time."

And if he wants to keep it that way, he'll change his mind in a hurry and move the TV. He should know better than most that in a league built on one-upmanship, the last thing you do is tempt guys with strong legs to see if they can change the channel with their feet.



Titans coach Jeff Fisher, above, challenged a play after a punt hit the scoreboard at the new Cowboys Stadium.

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